

country who are so ready to lay aside their allegiance to foreign governments, to foreign flags and foreign institutions, and to embrace those of America.

We had a good deal of spy hunting during the recent war. We had charges of men being slackers and of being objectionable hyphenates. Men were charged with disloyalty, with loving some other country better than America. But nobody pointed to the Jews and said they were guilty. On the contrary, the Jew was always willing to say, "I am an American, I love America, I am willing to stand by the institutions of my adopted country." No Jews in America were partial to Hungary or to Germany or willing to betray our cause and our flag in behalf of any country that lay across the seas. Always they held our institutions and our interests above those of their native land.

And I say it is a peculiarly pathetic situation presented here just after the war, when we have had this splendid evidence of Jewish loyalty and patriotism as citizens. It is a peculiarly pathetic situation that here is presented a bill that is aimed at the Jews. I am not willing to have this bill aimed at the Jews. We should attach to it certain reasonable and proper amendments which would open the doors of this country as an asylum to people like the Jews and the Armenians, who are being oppressed at home on racial or religious grounds.

CONSTITUTIONAL LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Constitutional League of America has elected the following officers: President, Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien; Vice Presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin P. Lane; Treasurer, Wm. De Forest Manice; Chairman of Advisory Committee, Manny Strauss.

The League was formed a year ago and points with pride to its year's record. It has been instrumental in having published upwards of 450,000 copies of the People's Edition of the Constitution of the United States and has received over 12,000 reading notices and editorial comments from the press of the country. It has 38 governors on its governor's committee and 14 active State Committees.

COMMITTEE FOR A JEWISH WORLD CONGRESS TO EX- PAND ACTIVITIES.

Well Attended Meeting Decides to Continue Work on Larger Scale.

The meeting of the Executive Committee for a Jewish World Congress, held on Wednesday evening, December 15th, at the Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue, was one of the most largely attended gatherings held by the Committee since its organization last month.

The present status of the movement was discussed by those present, the following participated in the discussion: Mr. Abraham S. Schomer, chairman of the committee, Dr. G. Goldblatt, Dr. Margolies, Mr. Leon Wolfson, Mr. Ephraim Ish-Kishor, and others.

The meeting decided to organize a Press Committee as well as a committee of Speakers, to fill the numerous demands made by various Jewish organizations, such as congregations, forums, etc., for men and women to explain the situation to them and in general, to present to them the committee

plans for convening a Jewish World Congress.

The meeting of speakers, to whom letters have been sent out recently, will be held very shortly, the time and place to be announced in a few days. Meanwhile, the Press Committee has sent out broadcast an article on "The movement for a Jewish World Congress," by Louis D. Gibbs, Judge of the Bronx County Court and well-known jurist and communal worker. Other articles are in the course of preparation and will be sent to the press, both Jewish and general, regularly. The next meeting of the Administrative Committee will be held at 604 West 162d St., on Tuesday evening, December 28th.

HUNGARIAN THEATRES CLOSED FOR WANT OF JEWISH PA- TRONAGE.

Budapest: News from many Hungarian towns are to the effect that their theatres are compelled to close their doors for want of funds to continue their business. The usual explanation of such a state of affairs is the fact that Jews have refused to patronize the theatres, because of fear of pogroms or mourning the death of pogrom victims.

Theatres in Szegedin and Miskolc have already closed their doors, and the same thing happened in many small towns. Even in Budapest the situation of the theatres is a very unfortunate one, due to the same cause.

AMERICAN JOURNALIST AR- RESTED IN POLAND.

Wilno: (By I. J. P. B.) "Wilenshoh Echo" reports the arrest on the Polish frontier of the American journalist Solomon Mostaviansky for writing anti-Polish propaganda articles. "Echo" claims that Mostaviansky has been taken prisoner to the Warsaw citadel.

PLIGHT OF ZVILHIL.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) Refugees from Zvilhil tell of the pogrom which occurred there recently with killings and robberies organized by Budenitz. Last week a "melamed" Boaz and his wife were killed together with seven children. The whole city is starving, no work is in sight and relief is imperative.

JEWISH KEHILLA WINS CHRIS- TIAN INHERITANCE.

Vienna: (By I. J. P. B.) The Austrian Consul General Frommler of Constantinople, a Christian, who died in 1916, left his entire property to the Jewish Community in Vienna. Against this will a protest was made by his adopted daughter who only received an annual income of 2400 crowns, which the Jewish community was to pay her under the term of the will. A contest in the courts resulted in a decision in favor of the Jewish community, which was awarded the property in accordance with the wording of the will.

ONLY TRUE POLES ALLOWED AS OFFICERS IN POLISH ARMY.

Warsaw: (By I. J. P. B.) Replying to an interpellation in the Polish Diet, War Minister Sosnovsky declared that only true Poles are allowed to become officers in the Polish army, and that Stein, a Jew appointed officer, was therefore discharged from the service.

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